



Town of Dumfries 2012 Summer Adult Co-ed Kickball League Rules



1. Team rosters must be turned in at the time of registration. Players must be added to the roster prior to an individual playing. Players will not be allowed to be added to a team, after the deadline. Allowing players to play who are not on your roster may result in forfeiting the game. Only the opposing team captain or manager may protest illegal or ineligible players. Protest of illegal player(s) must be done during the game while the player in question is in the lineup. Rosters are limited to 10 players, a minimum of six. Players can play on only 1 team per season. **PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PLAY IN THE ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUE.**
2. Games will consist of 9 innings or a 50 minute time limit. The game clock should start with the first pitch of the game. When an inning has started, the inning must be completed unless the home team is on offense and leading in runs scored.
3. Run rules will be in effect as follows: 20 runs after four innings, 15 runs after five innings, or 15 runs after forty-five minutes of play. (If the home team is losing they must kick in the last inning). Teams are limited to scoring 10 runs in one inning. After the tenth run of the inning is scored the teams will switch sides regardless of the number of outs.
4. Teams will consist of 6-10 players in the field but may start the game with 6 players with the missing players placed in the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth spots in the order. The unoccupied position(s) shall be an automatic out. If the missing player arrives, he/she must assume the last spots in the order. It is not legal to walk a player to get to the automatic out(s). If an intentional or unintentional walk is issued to a player in the position prior to the automatic out(s), the automatic out will be nullified.
5. Teams must provide their own balls for the game and for warm up purposes.
6. Drinking of alcoholic beverages by anyone connected with your team will not be permitted on the premises. Violations will result in suspension of your team.

7. Use of tobacco products is not permitted on the playing field.
8. No infield practice on the playing field prior to your scheduled game. If games are rained out, you are not allowed to practice on the field.
9. Players must wear shirts, pants or playing shorts, and shoes at all times. Athletic footwear is required. No street shoes, boots, metal cleats or hard football type cleats can be worn in league play.
10. Teams that are tied at the completion of seven innings of play shall continue to play extra innings if time allows. If the score is tied at the end of regulation time (50 minutes), the game will be recorded as a tie.
11. In event of rain, 4 1/2 innings or 1/2 of the playing time will constitute a game, provided home team is ahead. If games have not reached this point they will be replayed from the start. The score of a called regulation game (4 1/2 innings or 1/2 of the playing time) shall be the score at the end of the last complete inning.
12. **KICKING AND PITCHING:** The ball cannot be kicked until it has crossed home plate or is over home plate. Kicking the ball prior to crossing home plate will result in a strike call. If it is the third strike, the kicker is out, the ball is dead and base runners may not advance. If an illegally kicked ball is caught in the air by the defense, the kicker is out, ball is dead and base runners may not advance. Kickers with two strikes are allowed one foul ball. The next foul ball will result in an out. **BUNTING BY EITHER SEX IS NOT PERMITTED.** Strikes are slowly rolled balls that cross in an area 12" either side of home plate. Therefore the strike zone is 41" wide. The game official will call balls and strikes. Pitchers are not permitted to roll the ball with excessive speed or bounce the ball towards home plate. A ball pitched in this manner will be called a ball by the game official even if it crosses the strike zone.
13. **BASE RUNNERS:** Base runners may not steal, lead off, or advance until the ball is kicked. Violation of this rule will result in the base runner being called out. Base runners who are struck with a kicked ball that has not deflected off of a defensive player shall be ruled out. Base runners may not interfere with a defensive player fielding a ball. In turn,

defensive players may not obstruct a base runner if they are not attempting to field the ball. These judgments will be made by the game official. Defensive players may also throw the ball at a base runner to put them out. When a base runner is struck with a ball thrown by a defensive player, the base runner is out even if the ball bounces before it hits them. When base runners are struck in the head by a thrown ball, they are not out unless they were ducking or lowering their head to dodge the thrown ball. Base runners must tag up on all fly balls that are caught. There is no infield fly rule protection for base runners.

14. Designated runners, courtesy runners, and designated kickers are not permitted in kickball.
15. Rain-Out information will be posted on the Town Facebook Page no later than 4:00pm the day of the game. Reschedule information will be posted the following Monday on the Town facebook page.
16. Game time, as listed on the official league schedule will be forfeit time. No forfeit shall be declared earlier than the regularly scheduled time.
17. In case of a tie for a trophy at the conclusion of League play, the following tie-breaking procedure will be used to determine the order of finish. . Head-to-head results between teams that are tied will determine the winner. If the teams split in head-to-head games, the run differential in those games will be used. If teams are still tied, a playoff game will be scheduled by the Director of Community Services to determine the winner.
18. If a team is declared a winner by forfeit, they will have use of the field for practice (EXCEPT FOR THE LAST GAME OF THE NIGHT) until 10 minutes before the next scheduled game time. Teams must use their own practice balls during this time.
19. Please remember that these games are family-friendly! Scores must be emailed to the Director of Community Services, from the Team Captain, by the Monday following the game. Let's have fun and play some kickball!

